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SIANFU RELIEVED.

BELEAGUERED CITY'S DELIGHT.

TERRIBLE ORDEAL ENDS.

Peking, Dec. 29. The sudden and dramatic end of the long struggle which has raged for seven months round Sianfu, is described in despatches from there dated November 29, and which have just reached Peking.

All day on November 27, Feng Yu-siang's relieving force attacked strongly without result and it seemed to the inhabitants of the beleaguered city that there was no hope. But, next morning, the dawn revealed that Liu Chen-hua's army had been routed.

JOYOUS SCENES.

The glad news spread like wild fire and thousands streamed from the gates to breathe again the free air, and to see for themselves the desecrated trenches and to greet the rescuers. Streams of villagers soon made for the city bringing bags of millet and wheat, and baskets of turnips, onions, eggs and bread. These ordinarily prosaic commodities were handled with awe as though they were most rare and precious jewels. By the afternoon, cart loads of vegetables were rolling into the city and the people crowded around them with tears of joy streaming down their faces.

MOST TERRIBLE CONDITIONS.

For more than a month people had been dying of starvation and cold, at the rate of 500 daily, the figure occasionally exceeding 1,000 when the weather was more than usually severe.

According to a most conservative estimate there were between 15,000 and 20,000 deaths during the siege, not including those killed by stray bullets and fragments of shells.

Sianfu is ruined, and merchants say it will take at least 20 years to recover anything like its former prosperity. Many shops and houses have been gutted and stripped of all timber as well as looted. Trees have disappeared. On the top of trade losses the merchants and people had to provide the military with funds exceeding \$2,000,000.

SPLENDID WORK BY MISSION.

Speaking of the foreign community's experience, the despatches state that despite several foreign houses being hit by shells and peppered by bullets, no one was injured, though many had narrow escapes. The Mission hospital rendered splendid service all through, despite the most heavy strain on doctors and nurses.—Reuter.

EMPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

AN INTERESTING PROJECT.

Rugby, Dec. 29. A project is afoot to establish an Empire Public school in this country.

A group of eminent men are interested in the scheme, the object of which is to provide boys from Overseas Dominions with an education on the lines of the best traditions of such old England public schools as Eton, Harrow and Rugby. The promoters have been impressed by the difficulty which Dominions boys experience in gaining admission to these English public schools, owing to demands made upon them.

An option has been secured on Brynston House, at Blandford, Dorsetshire, the former home of Lord Portman and one of the biggest private mansions in the country, which is well adapted for the scheme. All the pupils will be boarders. It is suggested that the school should begin with some sort of an endowment—donations, that can be capitalised. About \$100,000 is required and, if this is forthcoming, the school may be opened next September.—British Wireless.

BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA.

MEMORANDUM GENERALLY APPROVED.

JAPAN RATHER CRITICAL.

London, Dec. 29. It is learned in diplomatic quarters in London that the British Government has received no official reply from the Powers to the Memorandum with regard to China, but there is reason to believe that the Memorandum has generally been well received, especially by the countries such as Italy, Belgium and the United States, although the attitude of France is reserved, while Japan is at present inclined to be critical.

It is thought that the proposals in the Memorandum, especially with regard to the immediate imposition of the Washington surtaxes, are likely to be accepted by all parties in China, although, as the British suggestions are not favoured by either side, they cannot be expected to be received with enthusiasm either.—Reuter.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANK.

LOCAL BRANCH TAKEN OVER.

A circular issued by the Manager of the Hongkong branch of the International Banking Corporation states that it has now been decided by the National City Bank of New York, who have owned the International Banking Corporation for the last twelve years, that they will take over all the branches of the latter bank with the exception of those in the Philippine Islands, San Francisco and Spain and operate them in the name of the National City Bank of New York. This will involve no change in the personnel or mode of operation of the branches affected but will give clients the advantages of the greater strength conferred by the large resources of the National City Bank of New York.

The Hongkong office of the International Banking Corporation will accordingly be operated from January 1st, 1927, as a branch of the National City Bank of New York. Cheques drawn on the forms of the International Banking Corporation will be honoured until such time as those at present in possession of client are exhausted or exchanged.

DUTCH TREATIES.

FORMAL APPROVALS GIVEN.

The Hague, Dec. 29. In the Upper Chamber, the States General has approved of the Conventions concluded at Berne in 1924, regarding railway transport of passengers and goods, and also on the use of prepared opium and the production and preparation of commerce narcotics. It has also approved of the Treaty of Commerce made with Greece in May last.—Reuter.

MAGAZINE ENDOWED.

U. S. AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

New York, Dec. 29. Senator Elihu Root has given the Woodrow Wilson Prize, to constitute the nucleus of an endowment fund to maintain the magazine "Foreign Affairs," quarterly. Review published in New York, which was originally founded as a non-profit-enterprise.—Reuter.

POLICY OF POWERS TOWARDS CHINA.

FULL TEXT OF THE NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS.

NO NECESSITY TO WAIT FOR STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

THE SURTAX OBJECTIONS FORESTALLED.

The acting British Consul General in Canton, Mr. J. F. Brennan, has now released for publication, under instructions from His Majesty's Minister in Peking, the full text of the declaration of policy towards China which has been communicated to the Washington Treaty Powers. This is given below.

The main features of the Memorandum have already been published, but it may be noted that Britain suggests the abandonment of the idea that the economic and political development of China can only be secured under foreign tutelage, and urges the Powers to declare a policy endeavouring to maintain harmonious relations with China without the necessity of waiting or insisting on the prior establishment of a strong Central Government.

Regarding the fear that the granting of the Washington surtaxes might provide a further incentive to civil war, the British Government points out that as no conditions are attached to the grant, the proceeds of the surtaxes would not necessarily be remitted by the Commissioners of Customs to the custodian bankers at Shanghai; it would in each case be for the competent Chinese authorities to decide all questions as to the disposition and the banking of these additional revenues.

The declaration is in the following terms:

"4. During all these civil wars it has been the consistent policy of His Majesty's Government to abstain from any interference between warring factions or rival governments. Despite disorders which civil war engenders and grievous losses inflicted on vast commercial interests both Chinese and foreign, His Majesty's Government have declined to associate themselves with any particular faction or to interfere in any way in civil commotions. His Majesty's Government believe that the Powers have adopted a similar attitude and that this is and will continue to be the only rightful attitude to maintain.

PRESENT SITUATION.

"5. The situation which exists in China to-day is thus entirely different from that which faced the Powers at the time they framed the Washington treaties. In the present state of confusion, though some progress has been made by means of local negotiation and agreements with regional governments, it has not been possible for the Powers to proceed with the larger programme of treaty revision which was foreshadowed at Washington or to arrive at a settlement of any of the outstanding questions relating to the position of foreigners in China. The political disintegration in China has however been accompanied by a powerful nationalist movement which aimed at giving for China an equal place among the nations and, any failure to meet this movement with sympathy and understanding would not respond to the real intentions of the Powers towards China.

"6. His Majesty's Government after carefully reviewing the position desire to submit their considered opinion as to the course which the Washington Treaty Powers should now adopt. His Majesty's Government propose that these governments shall issue a statement setting forth the essential facts of the situation; declaring their readiness to negotiate on treaty revision, and all other outstanding questions as soon as the Chinese themselves have constituted a government to pursue a constructive policy in harmony with the spirit of the Washington Conference but developed and adapted to meet the altered circumstances of the present time.

LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.

"7. His Majesty's Government propose that in this joint declaration the Powers should make it clear that in their constructive

PROPOSED ATTACK ON YUNNAN.

KUOMINTANG PLANS NOW COMPLETE.

GEN. FAN IN COMMAND.

A Canton report states that, following the arrival of General Fan Shek-sang in Canton, the Government has completed all arrangements to launch an attack against General Tang Chi-yao, the Tuan of Yunnan, as it is considered that it is high time for the Kuomintang Army to advance to the Yunnan border and check any possible encroachments on Kwangsi.

It is reported that General Tang has decided to begin his expedition into Kwangsi shortly after the opening of the New Year, and that General Lan Tsun-wan, a former Kwangsi commander under the Kuomintang, has been appointed as chief commander for the purposes thereof.

In view of conditions in Kwangsi, it is felt that General Fan Shek-sang should be given the task of directing all military movements of the Kuomintang on the Kwangsi-Yunnan border. Besides General Fang's own troops, it is said that he will have the support of some three Brigades from Kwangsi, as well as some forces from Kweichow and Szechuan.

MOTOR MISHAP.

LEARNER COMES TO GRIEF.

An Indian learner-driver of a public motor car came to grief this morning, when he was being tested for his driving licence by Sergt. Baker, but luckily no-one was hurt and the car did not suffer extensive damage.

It appears that the Indian was driving the car, No. 393, up Ice House Street with Sergt. Baker, and endeavouring to negotiate the hairpin turn at the top into Lower Albert Road. The bend was successfully negotiated but for some reason the driver failed to turn the wheel straight with the result that the car, continuing in a circle, crashed into the iron railings which separate Lower Albert Road from Ice House Street. There is a drop of several feet at this point, but the railings saved the car from dropping from one road to the other. The car came to rest with one front wheel and part of the engine hanging over the embankment. The railings were bent and the iron supports were ripped out of the ground, together with their bedding of concrete.

The car did not appear to have suffered much, a mudguard being damaged, and the front fender bent.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

LONG TRANS-ATLANTIC CONVERSATION.

Rugby, Dec. 29. In the course of tests made to day with trans-Atlantic telephony, a call was received at Newcastle from New York, and a three-minute conversation was held.

The caller's voice could be heard very clearly.—British Wireless.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT OF SINGAPORE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Dec. 30. The death has taken place of Mr. J. D. Saunders, Chairman of the Singapore Turf Club, an old and well-known resident of Singapore.—Reuter.

Rome, Dec. 29. Dr. Nourath, the German Ambassador to Rome, and Signor Mussolini, has signed the Italo-German Treaty.—Reuter.

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PROCLAMATIONS BY CHANG KAI-SHEK.

TO MERCHANTS & WORKERS.

General Chang Kai-shek, Commander in Chief of the Nationalist Revolutionary Forces, has, says a Hankow message of the 18th Inst., issued two proclamations, one to the merchant class and the other to the labouring class in Wuhan, asking them to co-operate to settle the present disputes between the employers and employees, so as to bring to an end the existing industrial unrest in this centre.

In both proclamations, Gen. Chang assures the people that the Kuomintang and the Nationalist Government are ready to do everything possible to protect their interests and to help settling their difficulties.

WARNS MERCHANTS.

In his message to the local merchants, General Chang warns them against oppressing the labouring class, saying that "the demand of the working people for higher wages to improve their living conditions should not be refused."

The proclamation further states: "The Kuomintang being a party representing all the interests of the people, respects the merchant class. But you must co-operate with the labourers if you want to live and be freed from the oppression of the Imperialists and Militarists. There is a life-and-death relation between the merchant and the labourer and so one must try to understand the difficulties of the other."

RISING LIVING COSTS.

The cost of living in Wuhan has risen more than three times during the past eight years, but the wages of the labourers have remained practically the same. It is impossible for a labourer to live today with a monthly income of only \$12 or less. It is impossible for him to keep a family. The employer ought to voluntarily increase their wages. It is unfortunate that the merchants have not done that and the labourers have to resort to strikes to back their demand for better pay.

Remember this: In this time of industrial unrest, treat your labourers with sincerity and voluntarily make such agreements as to bring your disputes to an end. Discontinue the wicked practice of looking down upon the labouring class. The Kuomintang is for the merchants as well as the labourers. Settle, therefore, your trouble at once so that prosperity may prevail."

MESSAGE TO LABOUR.

In his message to the labouring class, General Chang urges the working people to follow the (Continued on Page 7).

ITALO-GERMAN TREATY.

TEXT OF ARBITRATION FACT.

Berlin, Dec. 29. The text of the Italo-German Arbitration Treaty, which is valid for ten years, is published.

It provides that mutual disputes, which are insoluble by ordinary diplomatic channels, must be submitted to an Arbitration Committee of five, consisting of one German, one Italian and three neutrals, whose report must be accepted or rejected by the signatories within three months. If rejected, they will be presented to a judicial Arbitration Court, whose decision shall be final.

The Treaty does not impinge on the signatories' rights or duties as members of the League of Nations.—Reuter.

TREATY SIGNED.

Rome, Dec. 29. Dr. Nourath, the German Ambassador to Rome, and Signor Mussolini, has signed the Italo-German Treaty.—Reuter.



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FIRST IMPERIAL PRECEPT.

The Consul General for Japan has forwarded for publication the following Imperial Precept by H.M. the new Emperor of Japan, given at an audience to all the high officials, civil and military, and others, at the Imperial Palace, Tokyo, on the occasion of his ascension to the throne:

Having succeeded, through the benign influence of our Imperial ancestors, to the throne of a lineal succession unbroken for ages eternal, and having assumed the power to reign and govern the Empire, we have now performed the solemnity of the ascension to the Throne. It is our resolve to observe the fundamental rules of the state, to cultivate the inherited virtue, and to maintain intact the glorious tradition set by our ancestors. Our Imperial grandfather, endowed with supreme wisdom and discernment in matters civil and military, enhanced the grandeur of the Empire. He promoted educational developments within, and consummated military achievements abroad. He promulgated the constitution imperishable for all ages, and consolidated the system of Government unparalleled in the world. Our Imperial Father had always near his heart a reign of right and justice, and made it his constant aim to follow and to brighten the path laid by his predecessors. Unfortunately, his health failed in the prime of his life, and we, being heir to the throne, were called upon to act as Regent.

Changes.

He has now passed away amidst our unbounded grief and sorrow. The throne, however, cannot be left unoccupied for a moment. The reins of Government can at no time be permitted to drop. Mournful and heavy-hearted, we have now succeeded to the Imperial line, with our limited gifts. We are mindful of the difficulty of proving ourselves equal to the great task that has devolved upon us. The conditions of the world have recently undergone signal changes. The thoughts of men are liable to follow contradictory channels. The economic life of the nation is occasionally marked by the conflict of varied interests. Accordingly, it is important to fix one's eyes upon the general situation of the country, and to unite the efforts of the whole Empire in promoting the solidarity of the nation, in strengthening still further the foundation of national existence, and in securing for ever the prosperity of our people, to the end that the brilliant work of the Imperial restoration may shed a fresh and increasing lustre.

The world is now in the process of evolution. A new chapter is being opened in the history of human civilization. This nation's settled policy always stands for progress and improvement. The course of events both at home and abroad and the message of the past to mankind, clearly indicate that progress must be attained by degrees and that improvement must be sought in the mean. Such teachings should engage the careful attention of every one. Simplicity instead of vain display; originality instead of blind imitation; progress in view of this period of evolution; and improvement to keep up with advancing civilization; national harmony in purpose and in action; beneficence to all classes of people; and friendship to all the nations of the earth—these are the cardinal aims to which our most profound and abiding solicitude is directed.

They are in line with the illustrious precepts bequeathed by our Imperial grandfather, and are calculated to give effect to the gracious will of our Imperial father. It is our desire that all those who are in the public service of the state will be guided by our views above set forth, that they will stand by us and support our endeavours in the same manner and spirit as they served our Imperial grandfather and our Imperial father; and that, in co-operation with all our subjects, they will uphold the throne, sacred and immutable for eternity.

BRITISH STEEL TRADE.

A HEALTHY REVIVAL SETS IN.

Rugby, Dec. 29.—The heavy iron and steel trades are reported to have more orders in hand than at any time since 1920, and at Tees-side works, where only four blast furnaces were worked during the coal stoppage, twenty-six are now operating.

Steel works in Middlesbrough, which have been closed for three years, have resumed operations, and in other areas a revival has also set in.

Two Barrow blast furnaces were relit yesterday for the first time since the stoppage, and in Cleveland five more blast furnaces and two more steel works have been restarted.

It is anticipated that the steel-producing capacity of the Cleveland district, exceeding one million tons annually, will be fully taken during the coming year.—British Wireless.

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Commander Dr. Amici.

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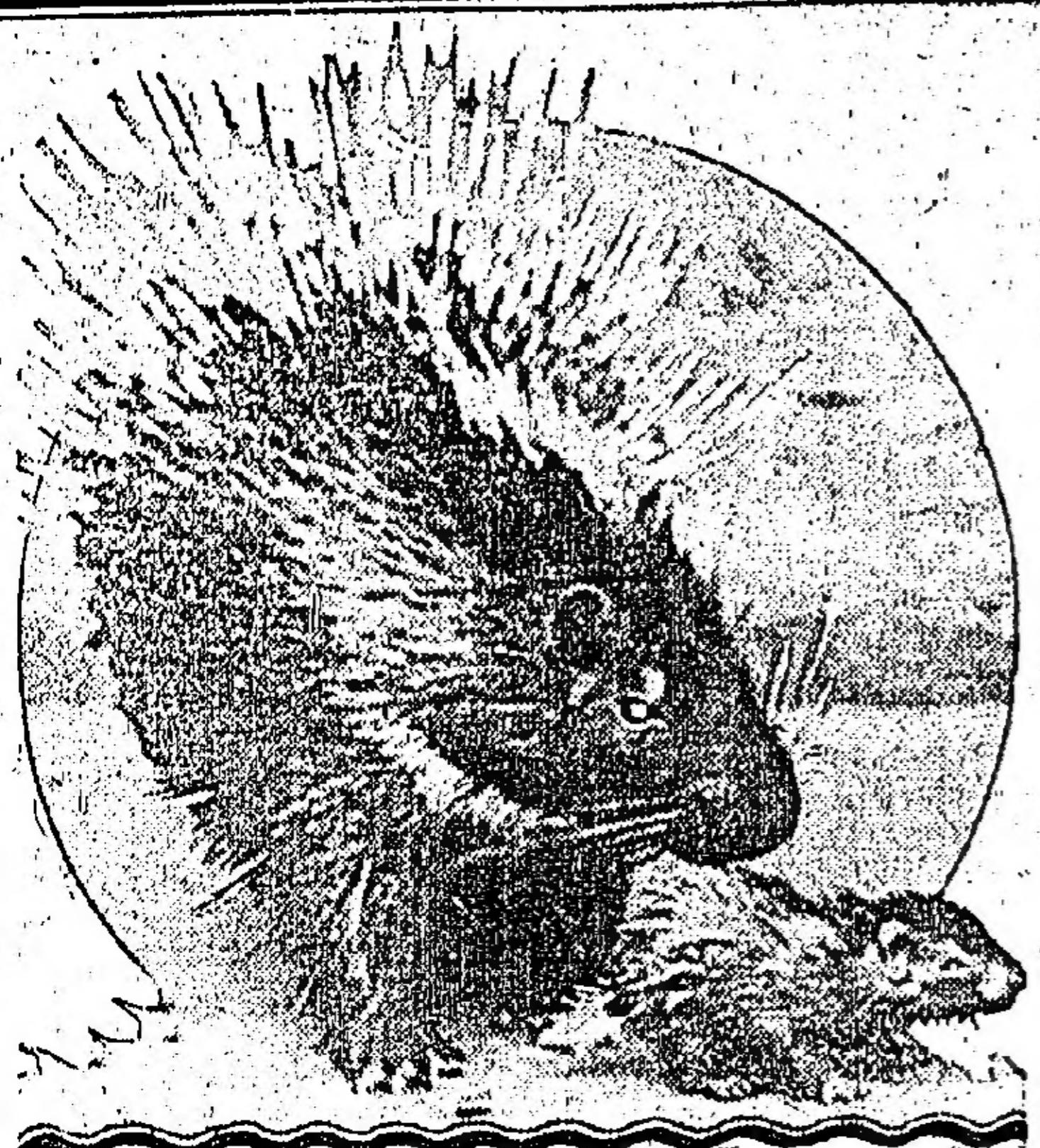


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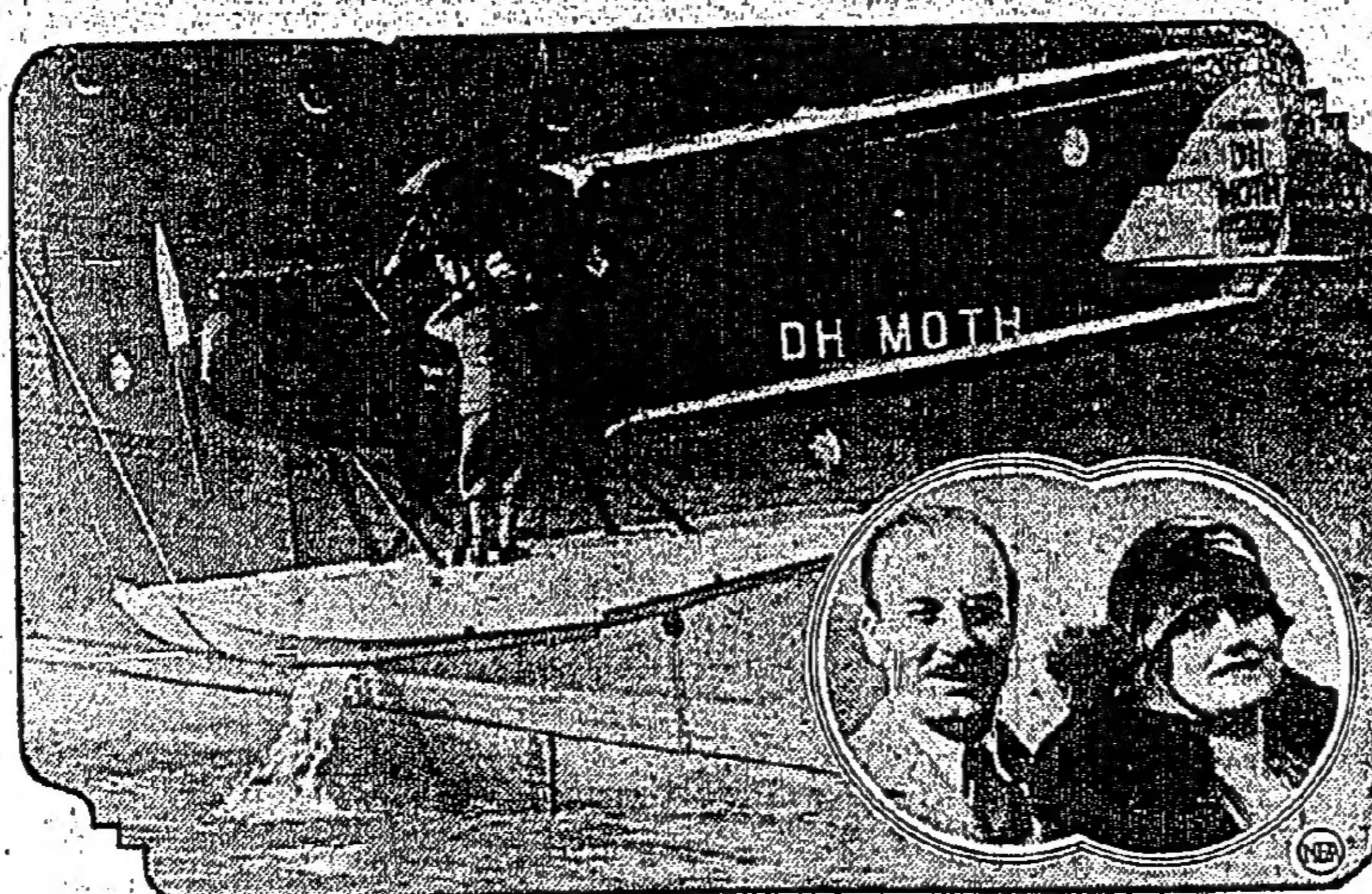


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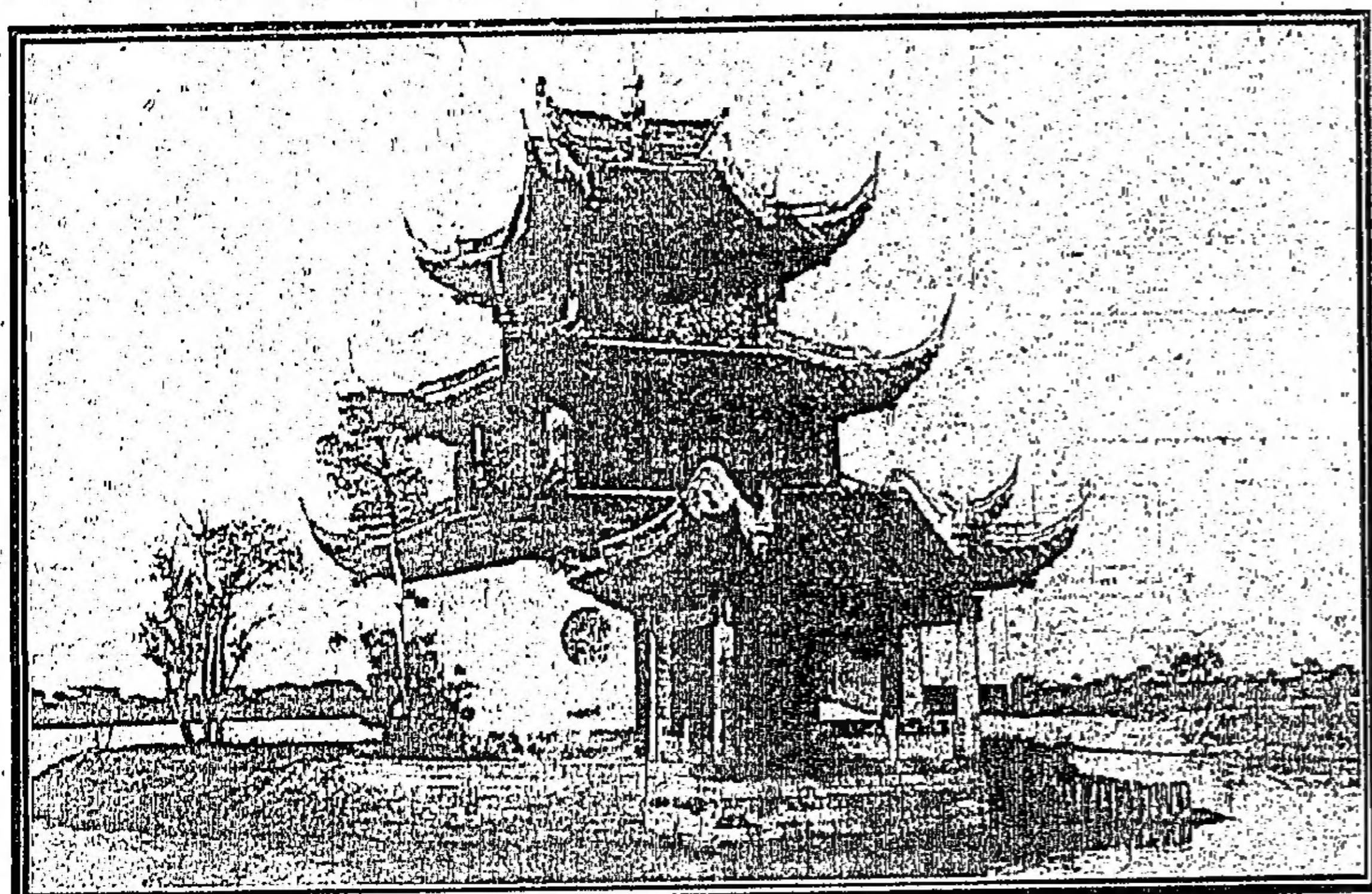
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NEW ARRIVALS AT THE ZOO.—Porcupines, if you didn't already know it, are rodents and have no taste for any meat. Theirs is strictly a vegetable diet—roots, bark, fruit etc. This youngster, and its mother recently arrived at the London zoo.



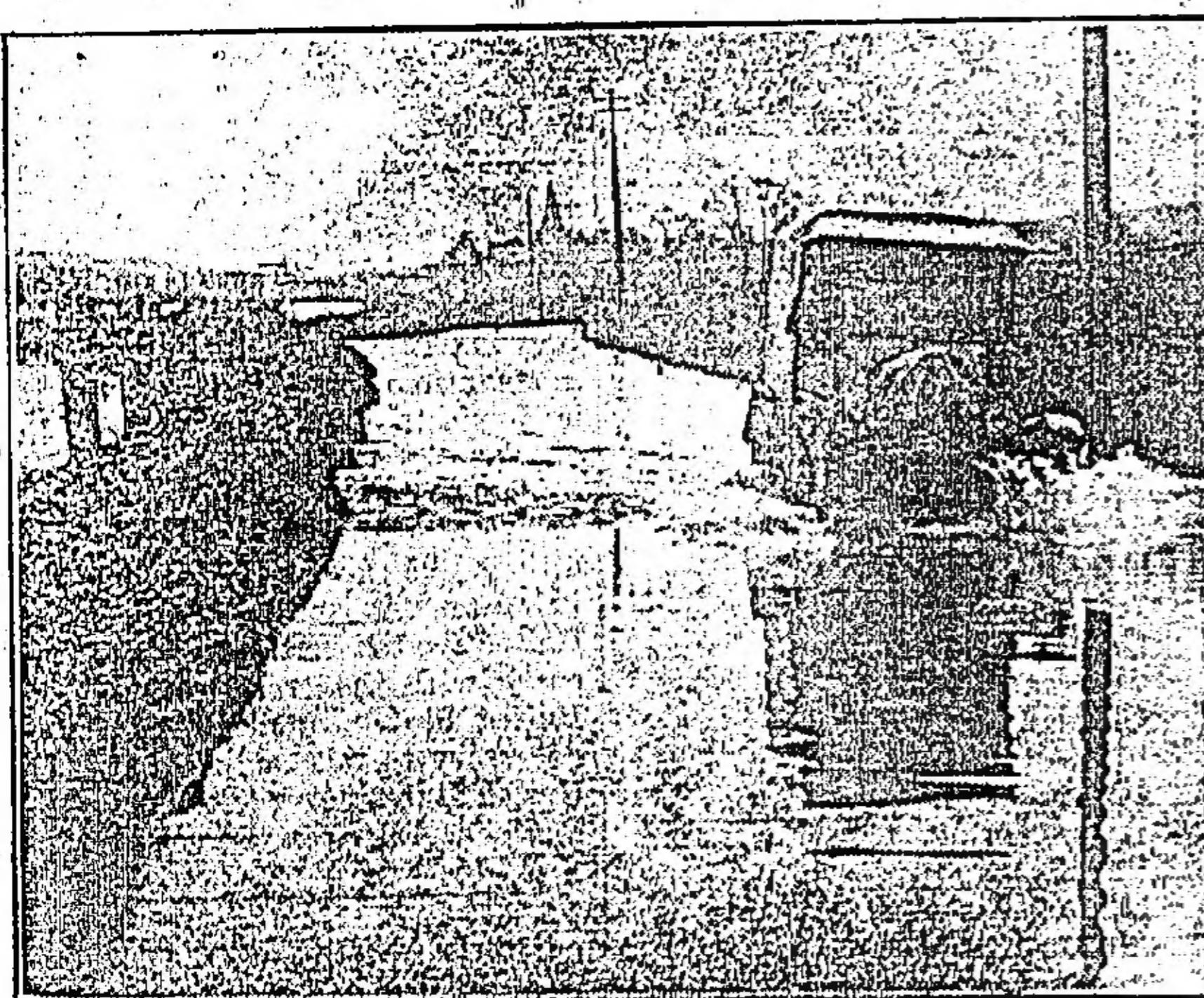
GROUND SWELL CLIPS MOTH'S WINGS.—The plan of Sir Alan J. Cobham, to shorten his transatlantic passage ten hours by flying into New York from the a.s. Homeric before it reached Quarantine, went all awry because of a heavy ground swell which prevented his tiny DH Moth from hopping off from the water. Here he is perched on a pontoon as the seaplane, its wings folded, is lowered over the lee side of the Homeric. The inset is a close-up of Sir Alan and Lady Cobham.



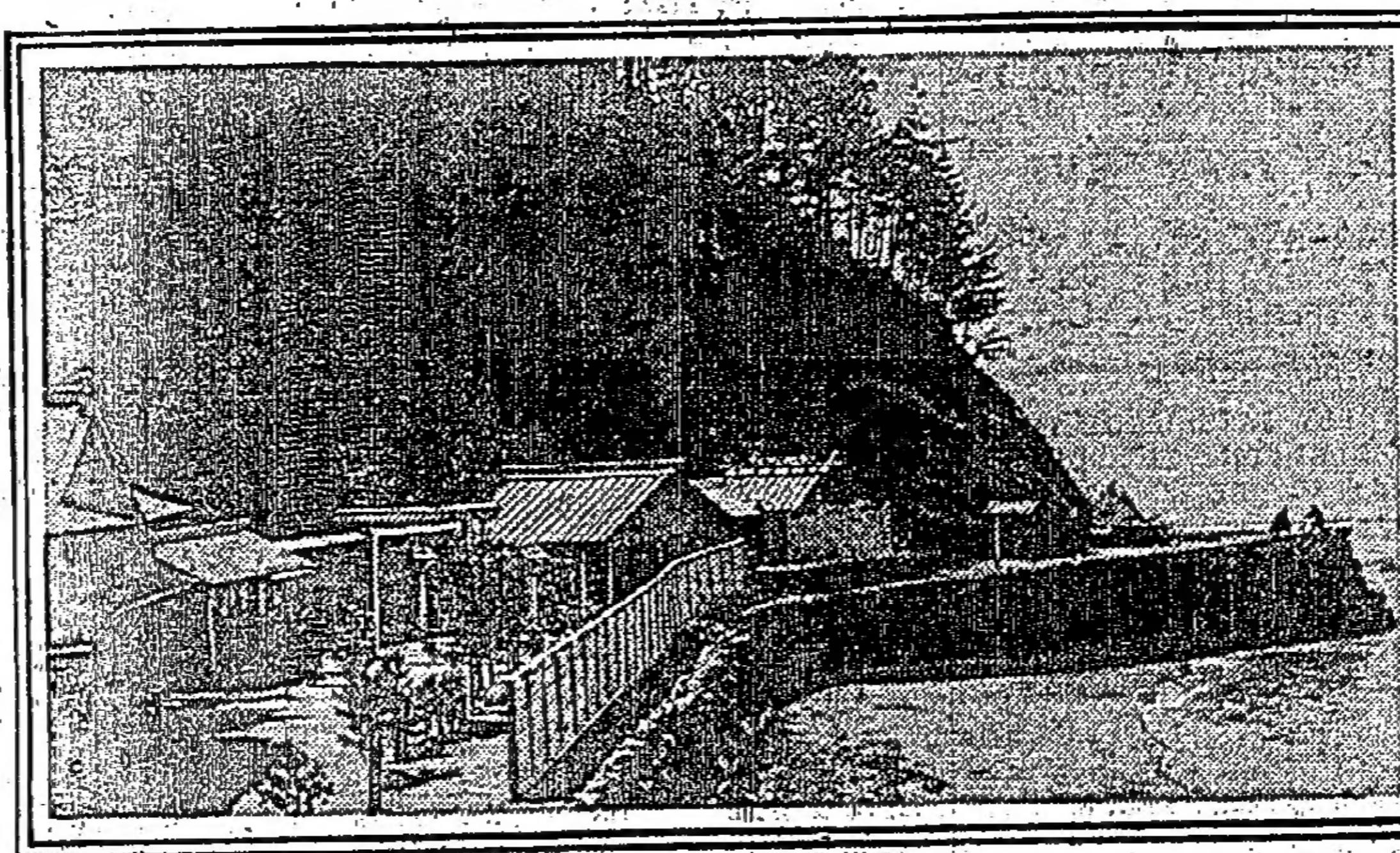
WELL KNOWN TO HOUSEBOATERS.—An island temple which is a familiar landmark to houseboaters starting out from Shanghai and making for the district around Hangchow. The Christmas holidays saw the return of many to this spot, and its introduction to several others.



PRINCESS AT THE WHEEL.—Princess Ileana of Rumania ran her roadster into a truck while driving from Chicago to Indianapolis, accompanied by her lady-in-waiting and two cadets, but no one was injured. This shows her at the start of the trip.



FLOODS IN SUSSEX.—The village of Alfriston, Sussex, is reported to have been almost cut off by the recent serious floods, many acres of land being under water. Our picture shows a submerged road near the village. (Times copyright.)



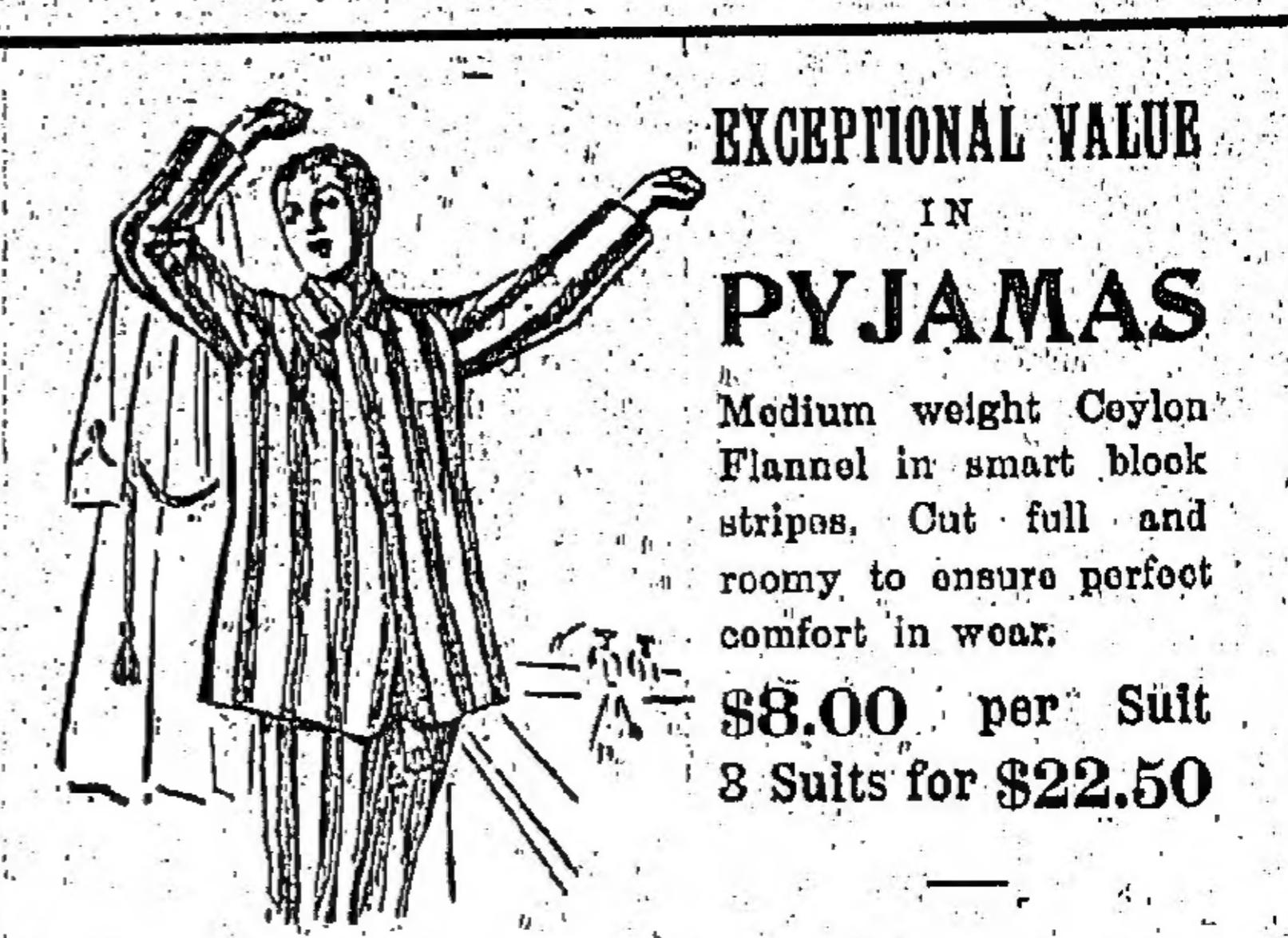
NIPPON'S MECCA.—One of the numerous shrines of Yamada Isse, Japan. Plainly built, the temples are the mecca of Japanese millions.



"UNCLE JOE" LAID TO REST.—Past commanders of the Danville (Illinois) American Legion post bear the body of "Uncle Joe" Cannon from his home, passing between an honour guard from a fraternal order. Inset shows the grave, blanketed with flowers.



SOCIETY GIRL WEDS GRAND DUKE.—Miss Audrey Emery, Cincinnati and New York society girl, is shown in this telephoto picture with her husband, the Russian Grand Duke Dmitri, immediately following their wedding at Biarritz, France.



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Hongkong, 28th December, 1926.

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The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstakes will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
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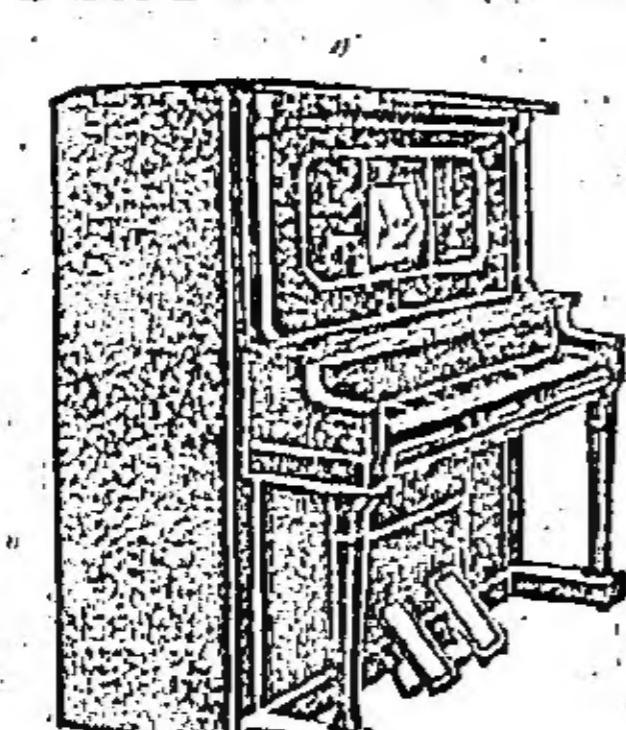
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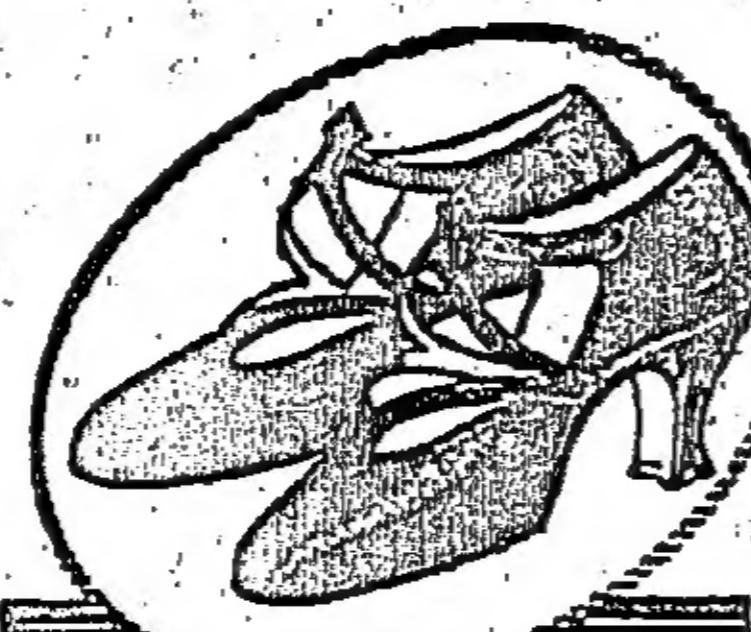
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Hongkong Fire, 615 b.

Shipping

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Steamboats, \$26 b.

Tugs, \$14 b.

Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$32 b.

Shell Trans., 90/- n.

Star Ferries, \$37 n.

Waterboats, \$15 b.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$25 s.

Malabons, \$36 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$140 n.

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Langkats, Tls. 25 b.

Shanghai Exploration, Tls. 450 n.

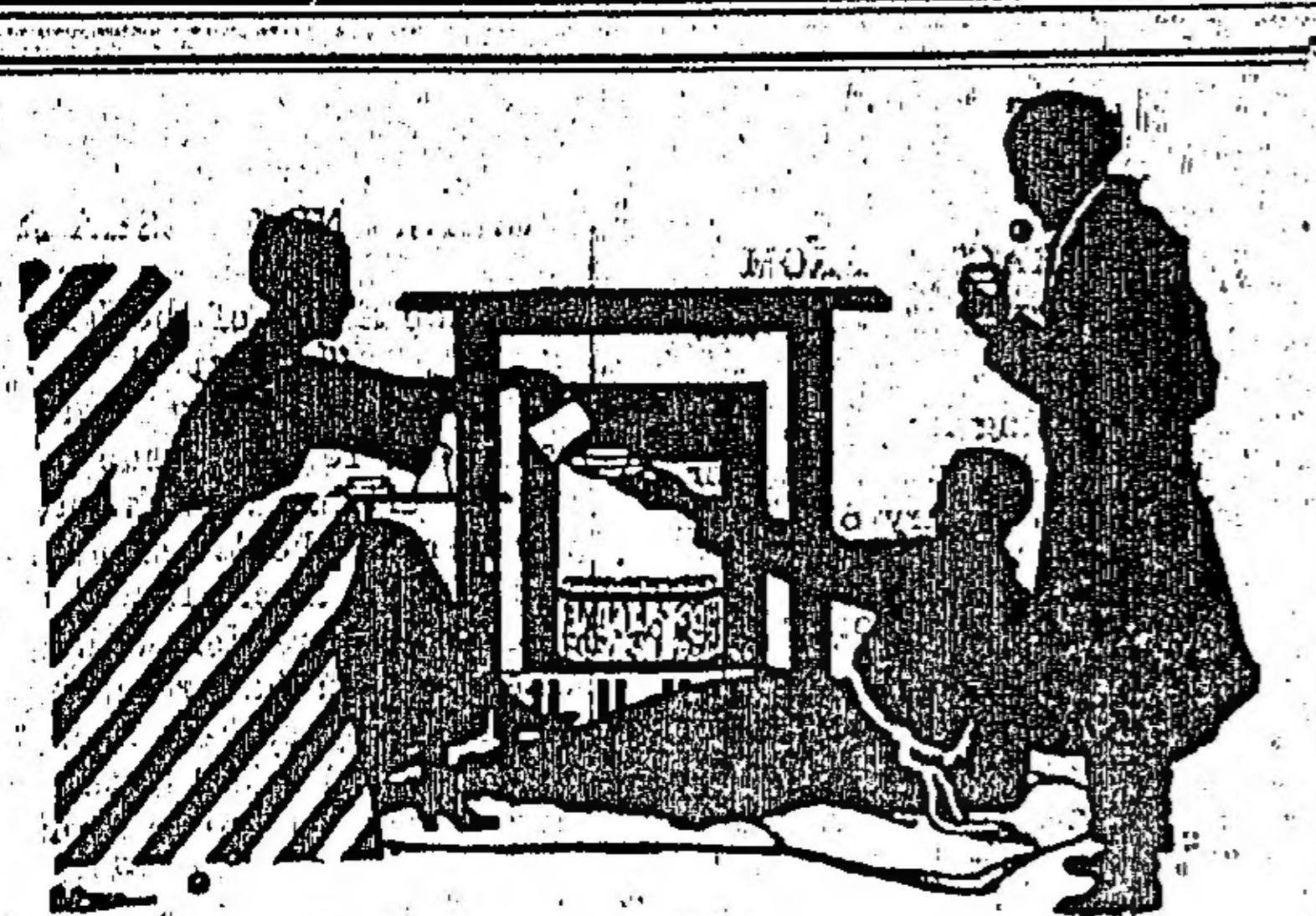
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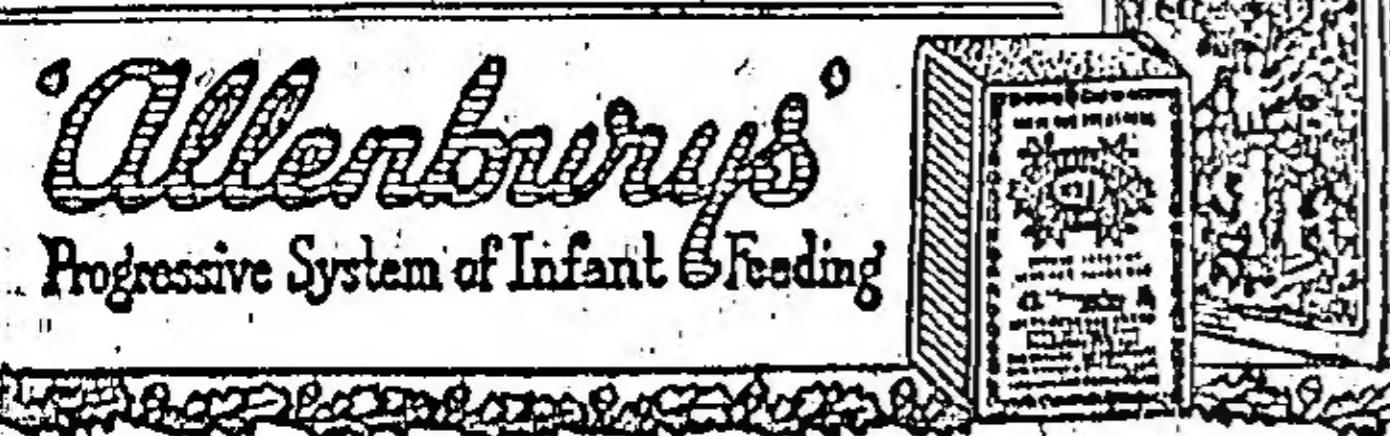
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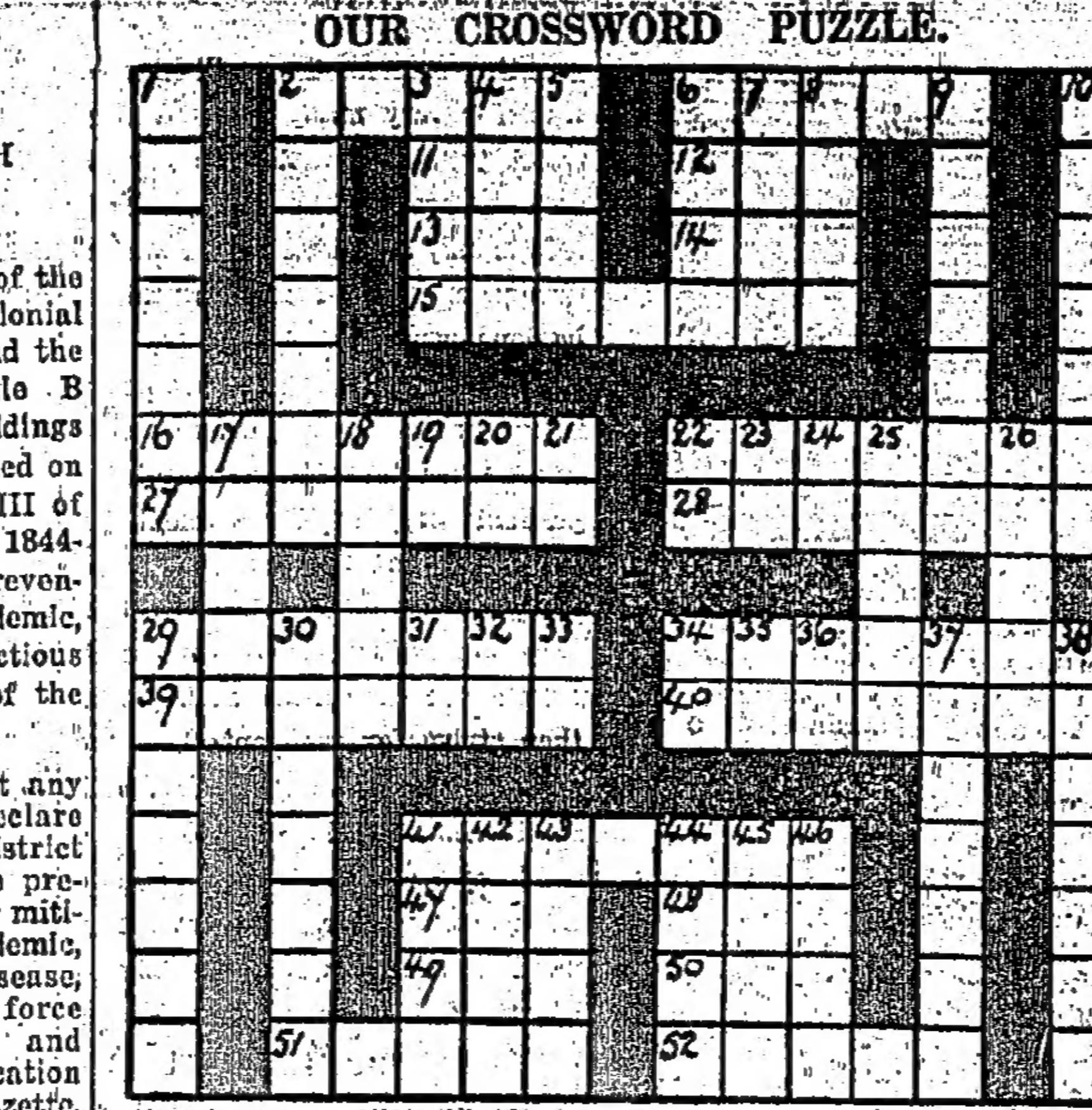
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NEW PUBLIC HEALTH BY-LAW.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Colonial Secretary will move to amend the by-laws contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and published on pages 1597-1599 of Volume III of the Ordinances of Hongkong 1844-1923, under the heading "Prevention and Mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic, Contagious or Infectious Disease," by the addition of the following:

(a) The Board may at any time and from time to time declare an occasion to exist in any district or districts, which, for the prevention as far as possible, or mitigation of any epidemic, endemic, contagious or infectious disease, necessitates the coming into force of the following by-laws, and therewith on the publication of such declaration in the Gazette, and so long as any such declaration shall subsist, the said by-laws shall be in force in the district or districts to which the same are or may be applied. Subject as aforesaid the said by-laws shall be in abeyance.

(b) No person shall sell or offer for sale any fresh fruit unless the same is whole, that is to say, uncut and unpeeled.

(c) No person shall sell or offer for sale ice-cream, or any frozen or chilled preparation commonly known as "ice-cream" unless the seller holds a permit in writing in that behalf signed by the Head of the Sanitary Department or by the Medical Officer of Health.

AIR MINISTER'S FLIGHT.

DUE AT MALTA YESTERDAY.

Rugby, Dec. 29.—Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, and his party, who arrived in Naples yesterday in an aeroplane, designed for the new Empire route to India, is due to reach Malta to-day, and will proceed early to-morrow to Horns, on the Tripoli coast.

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Hedgehog dwellers
A nautical term
State assistance
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Henry VIII's last wife
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14 Contains metal
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16 Small bird
22 Headgear
27 To pay again
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34 Ecclesiastical representative
35 Given
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41 A Scottish surname
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48 French town
49 An insect
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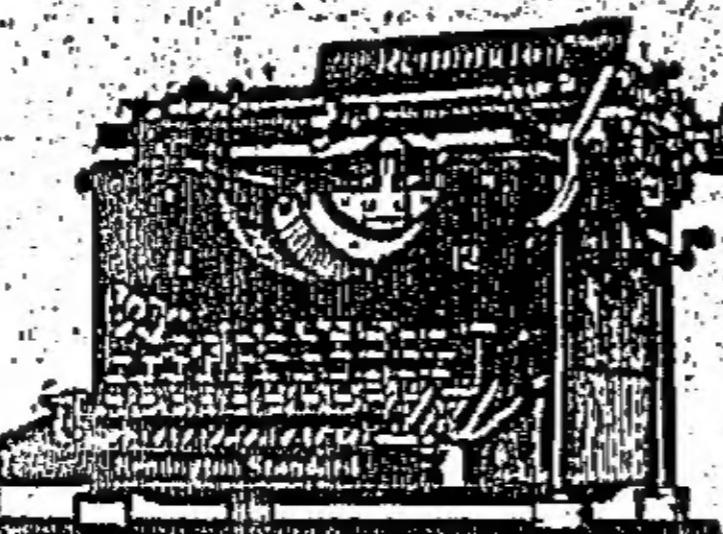
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BIRTH.

WARREN.—At the Peak Hospital, on 29th December, 1926, to Cicely, wife of L. B. Warren, a daughter.

DIED.

MATTINGLY.—At Repulse Bay Hotel, Hongkong, on the 29th December, 1926, Reginald Frederick Mattingly, Solicitor, aged 36.

The Telegraph

THURSDAY, DEC. 30, 1926.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

Even at this early stage it would seem that the British Memorandum to the other Treaty Powers in Peking is not going to be successful in leading to a joint declaration by them of a common policy in China. The most interesting expression of opinion on the matter so far has been that of France, which came to hand late yesterday, and which states that the French Cabinet does not consider it necessary to make the joint declaration which Britain thought to be so desirable. The further opinion is expressed that it is inadvisable for the Powers to discuss the rights of foreigners in China over the heads of opposing Chinese governments and that it would be wiser to wait until negotiations can be entered into between really representative Chinese authorities. That is precisely what Britain has been blamed for doing. Britain's policy of "patience and conciliation" meant waiting until there was some competent authority which could speak for China and, meanwhile, to conciliate the Chinese people to patience for reforms until that authority were established. Britain, like France now asserts, always intended to abstain from interference with domestic policy and it has consistently acted strictly in accordance with that rule. But with the prospect of a unified China under one authority which could speak for the whole country receding further away into the background, there seemed little prospect of doing anything to meet the clamorous calls of the Chinese Nationalists for Treaty and Customs reforms. We firmly believe that if the Powers are going to wait until there are "really representative Chinese authorities" before

granting reforms they will have to wait for very many years during which time there will be a growth of anti-foreign impatience. Britain is only seeking to find common ground on which something might be done even now.

French opinion would also appear to be emphatically against recognising the Canton Government independent of the Government of Peking, saying that to grant such recognition would be to sanction secession and would disturb both North and South, as each would then strive for the control of the whole. So far as we know, the South is striving for the control of the whole even now, and if the *de facto* Government of Canton were recognised as such it would possibly be heartened to strive even harder for the control of Peking, and thus bring about the much-to-be-desired reunification of the country. We cannot see that recognition would effect the eventual outcome very much, but it is quite likely that the North and the South will continue to be separately governed for many years to come, and one is entitled to ask whether the South is going to be left unrecognised for as long as unification is left unachieved? Britain's aim in its Memorandum was to discover how far the Powers saw eye-to-eye and on what particular points common action might be possible, and for this purpose it very boldly made the suggestions which have already been widely published. The Memorandum also serves the purpose of clarifying the British viewpoint, which, it would seem, is much too generous at the immediate moment to have the active support of others. France wants to wait although she affirms her-readiness to participate in measures to facilitate the evolution of China. Britain would like to do something now, and it may yet be that she will take her own and independent action on the lines she conceives will be productive of the greatest good for China and for the foreign interests of which she has so large a share.

The Burglary Evil.

The continued occurrence of burglaries in the business centre of the city has prompted a reader to suggest that there is obviously something radically wrong with the local watchman system. He says that, after many years' residence in the Colony, he has known of numerous burglaries but cannot recall a single instance in which the alarm has been given by watchmen and arrests made as a result. "In my opinion," he says, "the whole system of employing Indian watchmen should be swept away, for it is, for the whole Colony, an expensive business which produces no satisfactory results." These are very outspoken views, and it is possible that they are shared by many others, especially by those who have suffered from the exploits of local burglars. But is it not, rather, a matter of the personnel rather than of the system? The trouble with all too many Indian watchmen is that they do anything but *watch*. Many a time have we seen, late at night, more than one of these men, who are paid to keep an eye on business premises, curled up and soundly asleep in the doorways. Under such circumstances it is not very surprising that burglars should be able to carry out their work unmolested. We understand that Indian watchmen are usually engaged through the medium of the police, but are they selected because they are of the right type for such work, and are they given any training therein? Or are they, for the most part, as is often suggested, mere "discards" or cut-offs? Firms who engage watchmen through the police ought to be able to feel that they have suitable men supplied. As large ratepayers, they are entitled to all the protection that can be given them. We realise, of course, that it is impossible for the police to keep a vigilant eye on any and every store in the city, especially seeing that the back quarters of some of them are not open to view by men on patrol, but one respect in which something might be done would be to hold up and search for possible booty, any suspicious characters seen wandering about at night and in the early hours of the morning.

DAY BY DAY.

TO HARBOUR HATRED AND ANIMOSITY IN THE SOUL MAKES ONE IRRITABLE, GLOOMY AND PREMATURELY OLD.—Auerbach.

The Colonial Secretariat notifies us that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Macassar on account of plague.

The local Exchange Banks are to be closed to the transaction of public business on Monday next, January 3rd.

At the Marine Court to-day two motor-boat coxswains were fined \$10 for mooring outside two others alongside the s.s. Tangistan.

A fire which broke out in the bunkers of the s.s. St. Albans, whilst the vessel was at Yokohama, was extinguished at that port, the report of the master to the local authorities states.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, M. T. W. Ainsworth fined a plasterer, working on the 7th floor of the Peninsula Hotel, \$10, for allowing debris to fall into the street.

A proposal to organize a joint Union for professional classes, composed of lawyers, physicians and artists has been made in Canton. A preparatory meeting was held on Tuesday in the premises of the Lawyers' Union.

There was considerable movement of shipping during the twenty-four hours ending at 9 a.m. to-day, sixteen vessels departing and fifteen arriving. The British figures were seven and eight respectively.

The Canton Government has received a telegram from Lu Chin-shan, ex-Divisional Commander of the Hupehese troops, who has been appointed by the Nationalist Government as the Commander-in-Chief on the upper course of Yangtze, tendering his resignation.

Last night H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi gave a dinner party in honour of the Bishop of London at Government House. This was followed by a reception, at which his Lordship met members of the Councils, other Government officials and residents.

A verdict of "death from natural causes" was returned at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when an enquiry was held into the cause of death of the prisoner at Laichikot Gaol. Dr. Newton said the deceased had long-standing valvular disease of the heart.

A collision occurred between the motor boat Whampoa No. 2 and a Walla Walla motor boat yesterday, whilst both craft were alongside H.M.S. Hermes. Damage was caused to the Whampoa No. 2 to the extent of \$10. No-one was injured.

Tai-mo-san, the highest mountain in the New Territory, was vanquished on Monday by a party of five senior girls from the Diocesan Girls' School, starting from Tsun Wah and returning the same way. The weather was ideal for the enjoyment of the climb and of the extensive views obtained from the summit.

It is reported that General Li Chui-sum, now commanding the troops in Canton, is to be appointed concurrently as Head of the Labour Department of the Kuomintang. General Chang Kai-shek having approved of this plan, in view of the desirability of vesting a high official with power to suppress labour lawlessness.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza sold by order of the mortgagee, seven houses which are situated at Yaumati. These houses are Nos. 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148 and 150 Shanghai Street, known as Section A of Kowloon Island No. 48. The upset price was \$30,000, and Mr. Pun Chik became the purchaser at \$30,400.

As a result of the Concert given recently in aid of local funds by St. Stephen's Girls' College, Fairlawn School and friends the following sums of money have been sent: The Cathedral Organ Fund, \$200; St. Peter's Church Repair Fund, \$200; The Missions to Seamen, \$200. Miss Middleton-Smith, the staff and students wish to thank all those who so kindly supported this effort and helped to make the concert a success. The amount raised by the students of these schools during this year to assist hospitals, poor schools, and other pressing needs, has been considerably over \$3,000.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted from the Telegraph files for the week ended January 6th, 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0½d.

The plague returns for the year 1905 showed that there were 304 cases, resulting in 286 deaths.

The anti-American boycott in Canton continues, with complaints that the Viceroy is doing nothing to stop it.

New Year sports were held at the K.C.C. for the first time. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Swan, the wife of Dr. Swan, who is described as "The father of the Club."

The ratification of peace between Russia and Japan was signed at Washington.

Mr. G. R. Chandson was admitted a partner of Messrs. Bradley and Company.

Sir Francis Piggott presided at a meeting to make arrangements for the first show of the Hongkong Horticultural Society.

Shareholders of Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited confirmed resolutions increasing the capital to \$8,100,000.

English residents of Hongkong were asked to forward their subscriptions for the proposed St. George's Ball.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHAIR AND RICKSHA MEN.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph]

Sir—I was keenly interested to read in a recent issue of your paper certain thought-provoking remarks on the lot of our chair and ricksha men. It will perhaps interest your readers to know that this question has recently been discussed by certain members of at least one Society in the Colony, and a definite public announcement will be made shortly. I know personally that not a few individual efforts have been made in the past to start a Mission here for these unfortunate men, but owing to the lack of a definite scheme these efforts failed to materialise into action. I doubt whether we can find anywhere in the world a more peaceful and uncomplaining lot of men than our ricksha-pullers.

A further question of Social interest which is engaging the attention of certain members of this Society is the provision of an annual treat for crippled children. As this matter is in its initial stages, I can say little beyond the fact that for all our apparent silence, the poor and unfortunate are not entirely forgotten.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. S. ZIMMERMAN.
Hongkong, Dec. 30th, 1926.

The Government proposed the extension of Conduit Road both east and west.

A correspondent urged the removal of the Clock Tower in Federer Street, stating that its chimes were of little use at the best of times and none whatever when all honest people should be sound asleep.

The Very Idea!

Thus an American newspaper.—The chair, built in 1893, is made of wood and is covered with a silver plate bearing the name Dodge City and the date 1893. The man accused of killing it was arrested. His name reflects shades of rose, lavender and green. Wildcat skins cover the book. The book scandalized all Europe, the headrest, back and seat of the chair. A silver plate bearing the name Dodge City and the date 1893. The man accused of killing it was arrested. His name reflects shades of rose, lavender and green. Wildcat skins cover the book. The book scandalized all Europe, the headrest, back and seat of the chair. A silver plate bearing the name Dodge City and the date 1893. The man accused of killing it was arrested. His name reflects shades of rose, lavender and green. Wildcat skins cover the book. The book scandalized all Europe, the headrest, back and seat of the chair. A silver plate bearing the name Dodge City and the date 1893. The man accused of killing it was arrested. 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SUNNING PIRACY.**"BOY" WHO HID IN KENNEL.**

The fact that during the fight between the pirates and officers for the control of the ship, one of the pantry-boys was shot in the arm whilst crouching in the fo'castle, was not generally known until this morning, when the Sunning piracy trial was resumed.

After a fortnight's stay at the Government Civil Hospital, necessitated by a flesh wound in his left arm, the pantry-boy appeared in Court to say that he saw the pirates up on the ship between 10 and 11 o'clock at night, and that amongst those who took supper was the No. 2 defendant. Engaged with both hands the latter could not hold his rifle, and he threw it on a sofa near-by.

The Chief Engineer's "boy" said that, with the bullets and the flames, he sought to find a safe place of refuge. He therefore crept into the dog's kennel right at the end of the stern and remained there until the creaking of ropes slipping through roller-blocks told him that the danger was over, on the departure of the first boat-load of pirates.

A cabin boy when questioned as to why he helped to open the door of the compradore's cabin after the latter had closed it and made his escape to another part of the ship, said he was afraid that the pirates, in their impatience to get at the contents of the safe, might break open the door.

"So thoughtful of the ship's property," the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) murmured on being told the reason.

The witness went on to say that he remembered the No. 1 defendant particularly in connection with the incident of the rifling of the compradore's safe. To hold the notes and silver, the No. 1 defendant had brought along a capacious receptacle in the form of a large tea-cosy.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

SUNNING RAILWAY.**PROTECT AGAINST STATE CONTROL.**

Some two months ago the Canton Government decided to place the Sunning Railway under state control, and instructed the Ministry of Communication to carry out the necessary arrangements. Consequently a Commission consisting of Messrs. Chan Yin-man, Lau Kok-kor, and Chung Kai-cheung was appointed to take charge of the railway. The Directors of the railway protested and made every effort to stave off what the shareholders termed as an infringement of their rights.

A few days ago, the directors and representatives of the shareholders proceeded to Canton to lodge a strong protest with the Nationalist Government, but as the latter had removed to Wuchang, their protest was wired to the Ministry of Communication, of which Mr. Sun Fo is the head. A reply has now been received, stating that the Commission appointed by the Ministry should call a meeting of the shareholders and settle the matter according to previous instructions. This reply has been transmitted to the directors of the railway and the members of the Commission. Whether an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders will be called or the matter will be held over for the general ordinary meeting to settle will depend upon the decision of the three members of the Commission.

BACK TO GANDHISM.**DECISIONS OF INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.**

Gauhati, Dec. 29. The session of the Indian National Congress has concluded.

The Resolutions which were adopted indicate a partial drift back to Gandhism, as for example, the resolution passed that Members of the Congress must habitually wear, khaddar or home-spun. Gandhi promised the Swarajists his support in the Council work, if they helped to make the boycott of foreign cloth effective.

Other resolutions, which were referred to the Executive Committee, dealt with proposals for a Hindu-Moslem agreement, particularly on the question of music before Mosques, and a communal electorate.—*Reuter.*

OVERCOME BY FUMES.**WORKERS WHO TRIED TO KEEP WARM.**

Two workmen at the Deep Water Bay Brickworks went to sleep in their quarters at Tithang last evening, and, because the weather was cold, they closed the windows whilst for additional warmth they lit a coal fire in a bucket.

In the morning when it was time for the men to return for the day's work, both men were found lying unconscious, apparently having been overcome by gas fumes engendered by the fire. They were removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where their condition is reported to be serious.

RIGHTS OF COMMERCE.**PLEA BY LOCAL SOLICITOR.**

Appearing for Chinese clients who were summoned for alleged obstruction of the roadway through the depositing of rolls of matting, Mr. M. K. Lo, at the Central Magistracy this morning, entered a plea for a righteous consideration of the wants of the mercantile community of the Colony.

In the course of his arguments, Mr. Lo quoted authorities in connection with the submission that no unreasonable use had been made of the highway, stating that after all, the Colony was a centre of commerce, and that its needs should be considered as a matter of principle.

The case was remanded until next Thursday for the attendance of a witness who is to be subpoenaed.

AIR MINISTER'S FLIGHT.**SAFE ARRIVAL AT MALTA.**

Rugby, Dec. 29. Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, and his party, who are flying to India, landed safely at Malta, this afternoon, in stormy weather.—*British Wireless.*

LABOUR DISPUTES.

(Continued From Page 1.)

guidance of the Kuomintang in their struggle for better pay and better treatment. "One of the main object to the Revolution," General Chang says, "is to free the people from their economic sufferings. The Revolutionary Forces have conquered the Wuhan and made it possible for the working people to demand for better living conditions. But in your struggle, you must follow the guidance of the Kuomintang. If you do not, you will be doomed to failure."

"To back your demand for increase of wages, you have gone on strike. It is a proper move, because you need to have a higher wage to combat with the high cost of living. But in your campaign you must have proper guidance and organization. Only with guidance and organized efforts will your object be attained. If you act separately, you will be apt to bring about a deadlock in the situation. This will then, not only have an adverse effect upon yourselves, but also upon the Revolution. Most important of all, you must not look upon the merchants as your enemies, but co-operate with them to settle your and their difficulties."

Among those returning to the Colony to-day from Manila by the Empress of Canada were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harrison, Mr. William Galloway, Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, and Mr. A. Carpi.

The Chinese who is held on a charge of snatching a handbag from Miss Eca da Silva at Lyttleton Road recently, has been remanded until next Thursday when the hearing of the case will be taken in the afternoon.

The weather is going to turn warmer, according to the prediction of the Royal Observatory. To-day's report states that the monsoon will moderate along the coast and over the China Sea. The forecast until to-morrow at noon is: North-east winds, moderate; fine, warmer.

MATSHED ABLAZE.**OUTBREAK AT KOWLOON TONG.**

Another fire occurred in Kowloon shortly after midnight, which, although not so disastrous as the one which broke out at Yaumati the previous evening, threatened considerable danger to adjoining property while it lasted.

The scene of the blaze was a big matshed, measuring eighty feet by sixty feet at Kowloon Tong, and housing a number of coolie tea-houses. In the close vicinity there are other matsheds, and dwellings, and had the flames spread a more serious fire would probably have occurred.

The Kowloon Fire Station received a call at 1.40 this morning, and two engines were despatched to the scene in charge of Mr. Saunders, arriving there in a very short time. When the engines arrived, however, the matshed was a huge bonfire, the recent dry weather having rendered the material extremely inflammable. Hoses were immediately brought into operation, but the fire-fighters did not find it easy to operate to the best advantage owing to the difficult situation of the matshed. However six hundred feet of hose were brought into play and after over half an hour's hard work the flames were extinguished, not before, however, the matshed had been all intents and purposes destroyed.

It is not known at present how the fire originated. There were no casualties.

TO CHURCH WORKERS.**BISHOP OF LONDON'S ADDRESS.**

The Bishop of London, the Very Rev. Dr. Winnington Ingram, addressed a gathering of Church workers at St. John's Cathedral last evening, when he reminded them that every European was a missionary of sorts, and by demonstrating Christianity by thoughts and actions much could be done until China would become the greatest Christian nation in the world.

After a short service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Capley Moyle, the Bishop spoke on the needs of the Church in everyday life under modern conditions, from the text "Ye can do nothing against the truth but for the truth." He said that all attack on Christianity only intensified the truth of the Gospel. The defence of Christianity was its propagation and no better example could be cited than the blasphemous catechism of the Bolsheviks and the pronouncements of Ghandi in India.

Dealing with evolution, he said science and religion were not in opposition where intelligent interpretation could be applied, and evolution could be regarded as a certain truth. From the animal body to the human stage the Bible and biology both proved the patience of an all-powerful Godhead. If biology could not contradict, neither could chemistry, or any of the sciences.

In appealing for a united effort among the sects working for the dissemination of the Gospel, the Bishop asked how could people in China and Japan and other places live a glorious life, when shut away in loathsome slums.

The worker should ask himself whether they had opened the windows of their souls to the full glory of their religion. Was it not possible that those windows were shut as in the case of the slums? Every European was a missionary of sorts, and eyes were always looking for results, as Christianity was not so much taught as caught.

Church workers should reflect the truth in their daily actions besides teaching the tenets of religion. The responsibility of propagating the truth was on the worker, but that truth could be stopped from spreading by sheer inanity of workers.

By keeping thoughts and actions and not only voicing the Scriptures much would be accomplished, "until, some time in the future, please God, China would become the greatest Christian nation on earth."

The service concluded with special prayer and blessing for Church workers by the Bishop.

The extraordinary general meetings of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., fixed for Monday next have been postponed until the following day, in consequence of Monday having been declared a general holiday.

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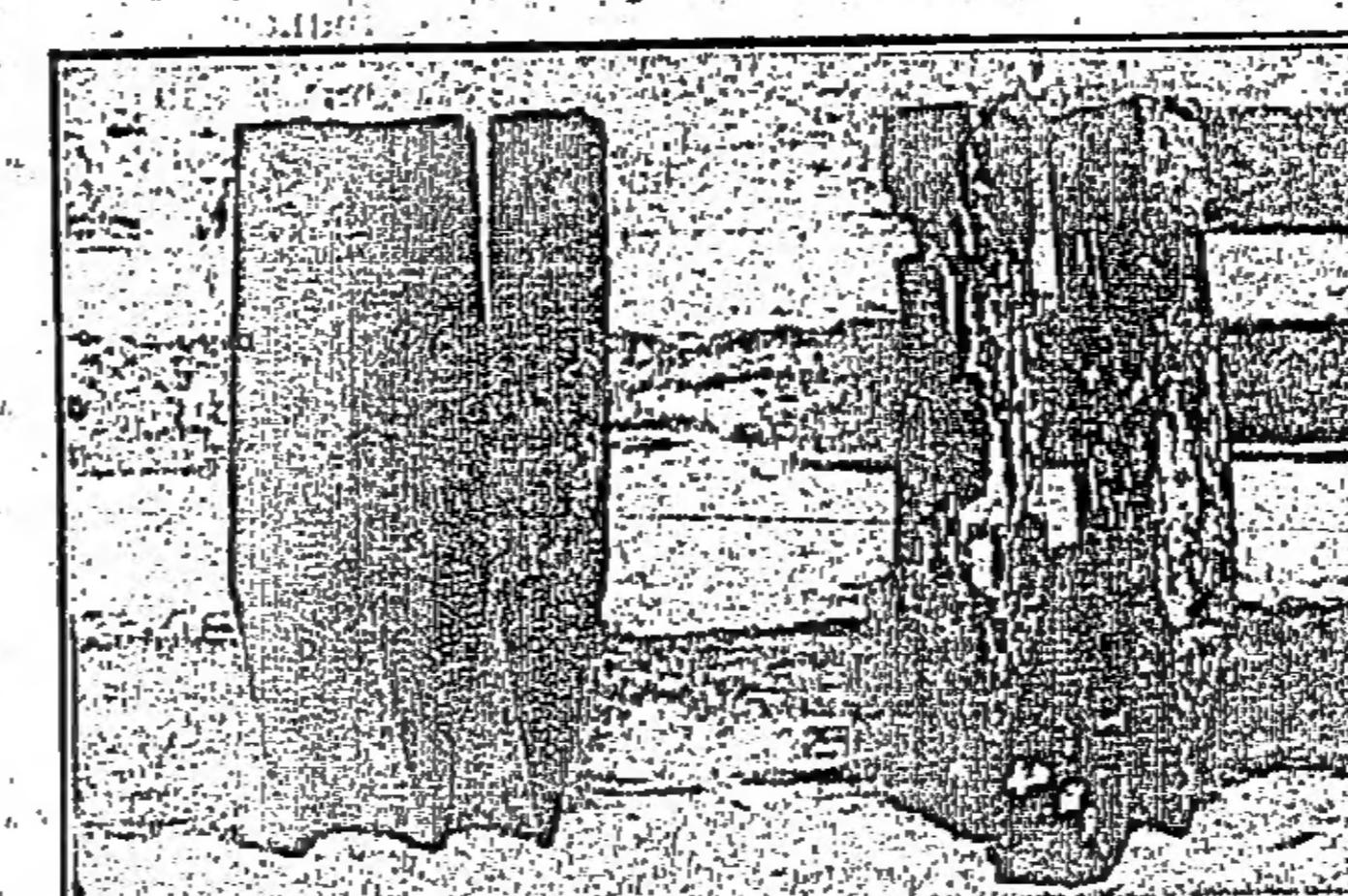
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How an armed robbery, planned to take place at Un Long, was frustrated, was told at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when two Chinese were sentenced to four years' hard labour for being in unlawful possession of weapons. The police were told on December 18th, that the robbery had been planned and that the men were going to Un Long by motor car. The police waylaid the car on the Tai Po Road and caught the men with incriminating weapons and other articles in their possession.

When a farmer of the Sunning district was walking along the Praya recently, with \$50 in his possession, he was stopped and searched by four men who said they were policemen. They were sneak thieves, however, and ran away with the man's bundle of notes. At the Central Magistracy yesterday, one of the men who was caught by the farmer was sentenced to three months' hard labour for injuring him. There was not enough evidence to convict on the charge of robbery.

Yesterday's health return shows one British case of diphtheria and one Chinese occurrence of hydrocephalus.

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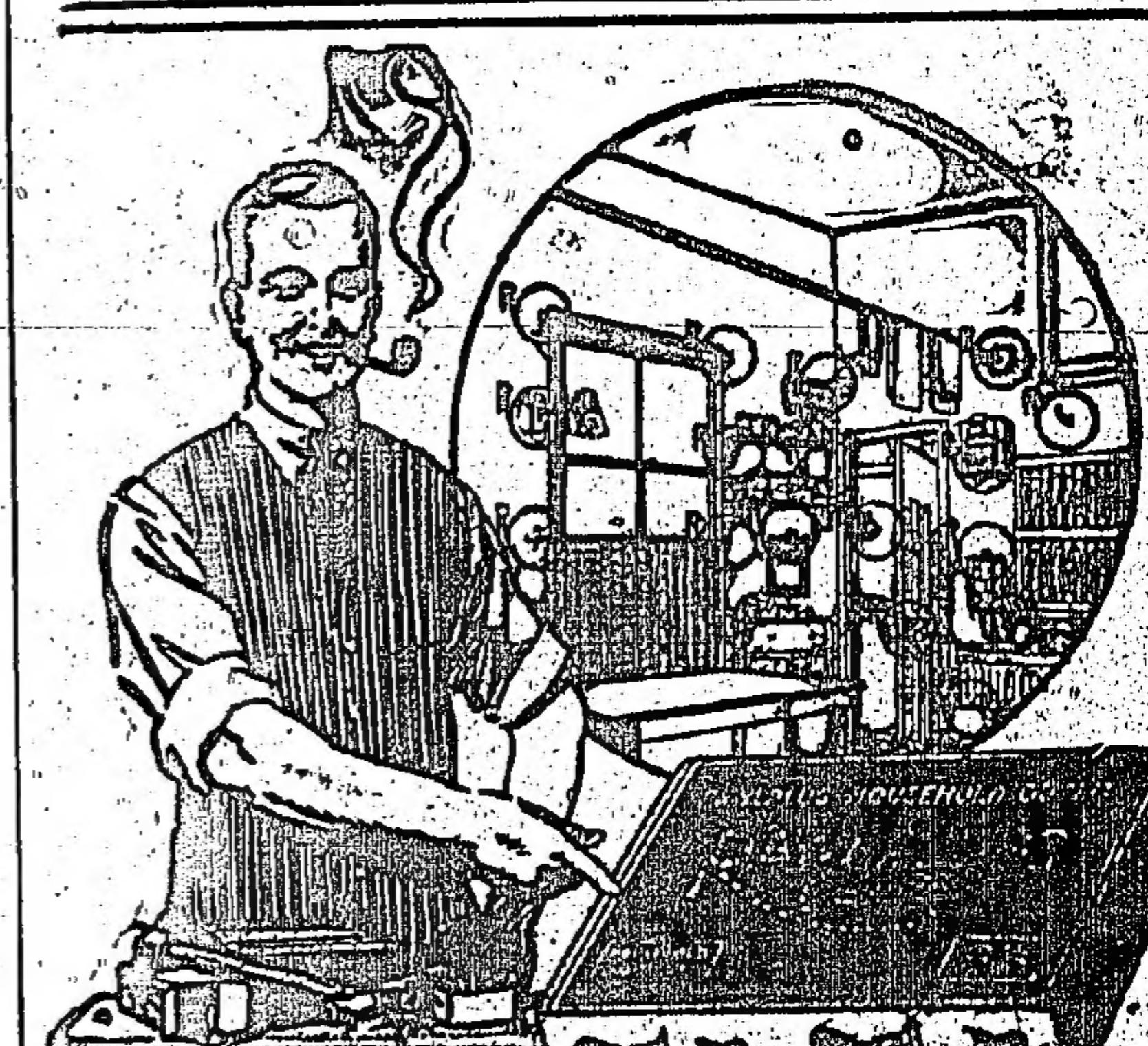
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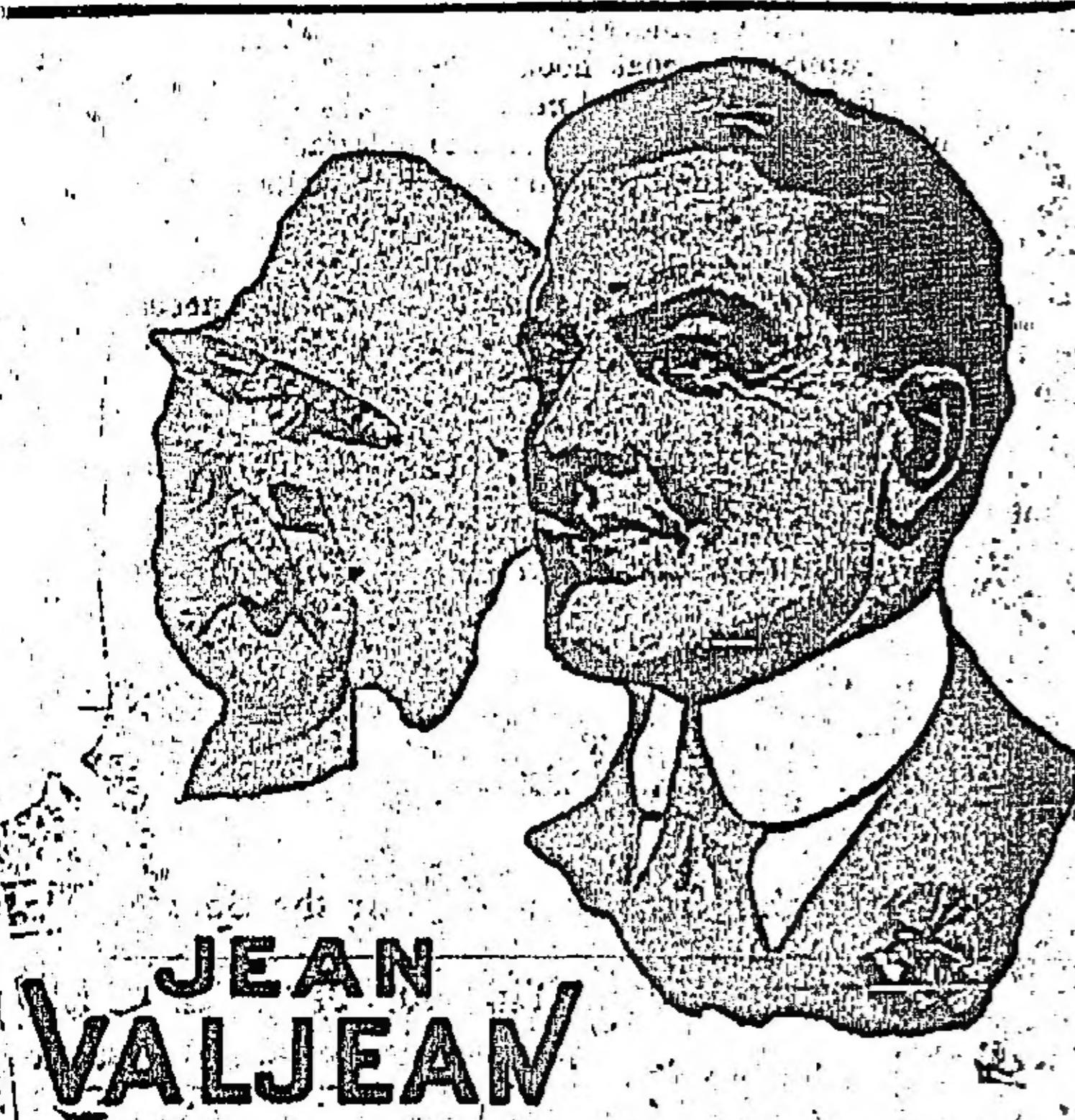
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BISHOP OF LONDON.

VISIT TO DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

The Bishop of London visited the Diocesan Boys' School on Wednesday morning. After seeing the grounds, photograph of the staff and the School was taken with the Bishop of London, Mr. A. O. Blythe, the Rev. H. C. Thomas and Colonel Robertson.

Whilst the boys were assembling in the School Hall, the Bishop of London inspected part of the buildings, signed the Visitor's Book and asked that photographs of the School and of the buildings and grounds should be sent to him.

At the Assembly, the Headmaster, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, on behalf of the Diocesan Boys' School and Orphanage, welcomed the Lord Bishop of London, to one of the oldest and one of the newest institutions of the Church of England in the Far East.

The Bishop of London, in an address, congratulated the Headmaster and the School on their buildings and grounds. He said he knew most of the public schools in England and that in his tour of the world he had seen very many public schools. He thought he was not exaggerating when he said that the site of the Diocesan Boys' School was the finest school site he had seen in the world.

The Bishop went on to say that public schools produce leaders of nations and the Diocesan school should produce leaders of China. There were five things he wished to mention. First, be sincere and be honest; secondly, do not boast and "put on side," you are only one in millions of people; thirdly, have a purpose in life; fourthly, have faith in God; and lastly, have a sense of humour. Many difficulties on staff, in a school and in the world were, he said, settled amicably and peacefully by people who had a sense of humour.

L. R. Dixon, the Senior Prefect, thanked the Bishop for his speech and called for three cheers.

A short walk was then taken past the Rock Garden and through the covered playground. The boys lined the School drive, which is about a quarter of mile long, and gave the Bishop hearty cheers as he left the School grounds.

THE TIENSIN ARRESTS.

BRITISH LETTER TO CANTON GOVERNMENT.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary has forwarded a copy of a letter addressed by the Consul-General, Canton, to the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs in Canton on the subject of the arrest of certain criminals in the Tientsin concession, as follows:

H. B. M. Consulate General, Canton, December 23rd, 1926.
Sir.—With reference to your letter of the 2nd December, transmitting a copy of the communication which the Canton Government telegraphed direct to His Majesty's Government in regard to the arrest of certain members of the Kuomintang in the British concession at Tientsin, I am directed by His Majesty's Minister at Peking to communicate for your information the enclosed text of a reply which was recently given in Parliament to a question on the subject, and in which the facts are correctly stated.

I am further instructed to point out that the Canton Government are in error in attributing the arrest of these men to British hostility to the Nationalist party, and they are equally in error in stating that the men were handed over to the Fengtien military authorities. They were handed over to the Chinese police, who are the properly constituted authorities for dealing with such cases. His Majesty's Government have no reason to suppose that the Chinese authorities will be guilty of such barbarous or illegal treatment of prisoners as the Canton Government appear to suggest, but neither His Majesty's Government nor any foreign Government can be held responsible for the actions of the Chinese Authorities.

His Majesty's Government have always held the view that Chinese residing in British concessions in China were not by the fact of such residence withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Chinese authorities. It has been their settled policy not to allow British concessions to be used as an asylum for criminals, or as a base for conspirators belonging to any of the political factions in China, and they are confident that the Canton Government, when thus fully informed of the facts, will recognise that the action of the British authorities in Tientsin was inspired by a regard for the sovereign rights of China, and not by any feeling of hostility towards the Nationalist Party.—I have, etc., (Sd) J. F. Brennan, Acting Consul General.

BEAM RADIO.

EXTENSION OF IMPERIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Rugby, Dec. 29.
Telegraphic messages by beam wireless are being exchanged experimentally between beam stations in England and Australia, and the service will be officially tested next week by the Post Office.

It is anticipated that the beam will then be available to the public almost immediately.

Simultaneously, a beam service between Australia and Vancouver, Canada, will be opened a further link in the Empire chain already

in commission.

In February, communication by beam wireless between Britain and South Africa will be publicly operated, and arrangements for a similar service with India are approaching completion.

The Post Office requirement in each case is that the service should carry one hundred five-letter words per minute during seven hours daily.—British Wireless.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK IN TOWN.

Rugby, Dec. 29.
The Duke and Duchess of York returned to London yesterday from Sandringham, where, with other members of the Royal family, they have spent Christmas with the King and Queen.

They are now engaged in final preparations for their visit to New Zealand and Australia.

The battleship Renown, by which they will travel, will leave Portsmouth to-morrow week, proceeding via the Panama Canal to New Zealand, and thence to Australia.—British Wireless.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

FOREIGN COMPANIES AGAIN TAKE ACTION.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.
The foreign cable companies have issued the following to-day:

"As on two previous occasions, the foreign cable companies, the Great Northern, Eastern Extension, and Commercial Pacific, have owing to the Chinese Telegraph Administration having failed to settle their daily accounts as arranged, again been reluctantly compelled, as from 6 o'clock on the afternoon of December 23, to refuse to accept from the Administration telegrams other than Government telegrams, unless accompanied by cash. Hitherto the Administration has failed to comply with the companies' request for cash payments, and telegrams from all inland places via Shanghai have been withheld since the above-mentioned hour. The companies, whilst regretting any inconvenience which may be caused by this measure, again feel sure the public will agree that in the circumstances they have no alternative but to insist on cash payments."—Reuter.

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TAMAR WITHDRAW FROM LEAGUE.

NEW YEAR'S DAY GAMES.

[By "Wanderer."]

The H.K.F.C. match with H.M.S. Tamar, arranged for New Year's Day, has been cancelled, the reason being, I understand, that H.M.S. Tamar have withdrawn from both the Hongkong Football League and the Hongkong Football Association.

It is said that the withdrawal is the result of an objection by the Tamar to playing their match with the Chinese Athletic on the ground allotted to them by the League.

TWO MATCHES ONLY.

Two Senior Division fixtures are the only League matches arranged for the coming Saturday.

"Chinese Athletic" and "South China" will be in opposition on the Seokunpoon "A" ground, and both sides are confident of success. South China have taken heart from their win over Kwoloon and will be keen to gain further points at the expense of their chief rivals. Mr. Gilbert will have charge of the game.

The Hongkong F.C. play their second fixture with the Royal Artillery, and should strengthen their runners-up position. I understand the Club will be without Jiminy Stewart, and he will be severely missed. Anything may happen on New Year's Day, but the Club should win.

The Kowloon-Police match has been postponed until January 8th.

MARRIED V. SINGLE:

The Kowloon Football Club is playing its annual fixture, the Married v. Single at eleven o'clock on New Year's morning. Both sides are well represented and there should be a good game as well as good fun.

The teams are appended:

Married:—Moore; H. G. K. Wheeler and Knight; W. H. Brown; McElveen, Pasco; F. C. Cleme, Millard, Hayes, Spary and W. M. Mason.

Single:—Jones; Guest, Caville; Duncan Sims, Baldwin; Pile, Vicars, F. G. L. Wheeler, Muir and Eastman.

The Second Division league match between Kowloon Reserves and the H.K.F.C. Reserves fixed for New Year's Day has been postponed.

BISHOP OF LONDON.

WINS GAME AT FANLING.

Yesterday, the Bishop of London visited Fanling in time for tiffin, after which his Lordship played a round of 18 holes with Col. E. D. Matthews (Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club); whilst his Chaplain (the Rev. H. C. Thomson) played with Col. T. A. Robertson (Secretary of the Hongkong Club).

The Bishop was in capital form and won his round by 3 and 2. The Rev. H. C. Thomson also won, Col. Robertson losing by 5.

CHALLENGE GOLF MATCH.

GEORGE DUNCAN LOSES £500.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29. Harry Cooper, of El Sereno, has beaten Duncan in the gold challenge match, by seven up and five to play.

George Duncan made a challenge in September to any American Professional for a 72 hole match for £500. The challenge was eventually accepted by Harry Cooper.

There was an interval of several days between the first and second halves, Cooper being five up at the end of the first half. Reuter's American Service.

RECORDS SMASHED.



ARMY AND NAVY AT CRICKET.

ANNUAL MATCH RESUMED TO-DAY.

NAVY'S FORMIDABLE TASK.

Four overs sufficed to bring to an end this morning the second innings of the Army, the side being all out for 132. Fourteen runs were added to the overnight total, the Navy beginning their second venture 219 runs behind.

Smith added ten runs while Fogden was content to hold his end up. Eventually the latter got in front of a straight one from Cantrell and was dismissed without any addition to his score of yesterday.

A good innings of 76 by Capt. Morris was the chief factor in the advantage gained by the Army yesterday, followed by remarkably good bowling by Capt. Dobbie. Morris opened shakily but soon settled down and scored freely off all the bowlers. Dobbie bowled unchanged in the Navy first innings, taking nine wickets for 42 runs in seventeen over and three balls.

Smith, who was not out with 32 to his credit this morning, was the principal scorer in the Army second innings.

Scores:

Army.—1st Innings.

Capt. Evers, c Armitage, b Sturgess	33
Lieut. Hankey, c Venn, b Beattie	5
Capt. Bridgland, c Venn, b Beattie	25
Capt. Morris, St. Venn, b Beattie	76
Capt. Dobbie, b Beattie	16
Major Lightfoot, b Beattie	9
Capt. Thorpe, b Beattie	0
Lieut. Wright, b Beattie	0
Capt. Bevis, c and b Emley	0
Lieut. Smith, b Emley	5
M. G. Fogden, not out	5
Extras	22
Total	200

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
10	1	51	9
24.4	—	75	7
3	—	20	1
6	—	32	2

Navy.—1st Innings.

Lieut. Com. Armitage, b Dobbie	21
Lieut. Col. Cantrell, c Dobbie, b Hankey	15
Lieut. Brewerton, l.b.w., Dobbie	15
Lieut. Nowell, b Dobbie	15
Pay Lieut. Hussey, Morris, b Dobbie	6
Rev. Venn, b Dobbie	22
Lieut. Com. Shaw, b Dobbie	0
Lieut. Sturges, c Evers, b Dobbie	14
Lieut. Emley, b Dobbie	4
Lieut. Sparks, not out	4
Lieut. Beattie, c and b Dobbie	0
Extras	12
Total	113

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
17.3	7	42	9
12	2	47	1
3	—	7	0
2	—	5	1

Army.—2nd Innings.

Evers, b Beattie	12
Lightfoot, b Cantrell	16
Hankey, c and b Beattie	23
Morris, St. Venn, b Cantrell	20
Dobbie, c Sturges, b Cantrell	14
Thorpe, c Emley, b Cantrell	14
Wright, b Beattie	12
Bevis, run out	15
Smith, not out	32
Fogden, l.b.w., b Cantrell	15
Extras	12

Total

132

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
21	5	64	3
20.4	3	63	6

At the tiffin interval the Navy had scored 20 runs for the loss of one wicket.

CRICKET RECORD.

COLOSSAL SCORING.

Melbourne, Dec. 29.

In the Sheffield Shield match, Victoria won by an innings and 656 runs.

New South Wales compiled 221 and 230.

Victoria scored 1,107 runs, a world's record aggregate score in first-class cricket. The innings lasted 633 minutes.

Woodfull compiled 183, Ponsford 352, Hendry 100, and Ryder 205.—Reuter.

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The competition is run in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks ended October 8th and 16th, 1926.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The Cabinet has approved M. Briand's view as to the attitude France should take toward China. It is understood that the Government does not intend to denounce the attitude of observation and expectation which it has adopted since the outset of the Chinese conflict.

Semi-officially it is stated that France does not consider necessary a joint declaration as proposed by Britain. It also believes it is inadvisable to discuss the rights of foreigners over the heads of the opposing Chinese Government. It considers it wiser to wait until negotiations can be entered into with the representative Chinese authorities.

France will always participate in measures to facilitate the evolution of China and intends to do so in all its policies in the interest of China until the conflict is settled. Recognition of Canton Government independent of the Government at Peking will sanction the secession of a state in China and disturb both south and North, as each would strive for the control of the whole country in violation of Chinese law.

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The French policy.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The papers approve of the fitting, unbiased attitude adopted by the French Government in these affairs. They emphasize the French policy remains consistent with liberal traditions, and observes sympathetically China's progressive evolution, and will not throw obstacles in the way of Chinese liberties at a time of reform.—Hera.

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The dismissal of Cheng Chien from the post of Chief of the Political Bureau is confirmed, but reliable circles deny that Yang Yu-ting has been dismissed from the chief advisoryship.

It is now stated that Yang Yu-ting urged the adoption of one of two courses,—firstly a compromise with the Kuomintang and abandonment of the campaign, or, failing that, most vigorous prosecution of the campaign both against the Kuomintang and Kuomintang.

The latter course is being adopted, and evidently preparations are rapidly going on for a struggle on a very large scale.—Reuter.

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POLICY OF POWERS TOWARDS CHINA.

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al conference might determine. That special conference, is the Tariff Conference which, after a delay of nearly four years, met in Peking on October 26th, 1926, and has now to all intents and purposes definitely failed. The promised surtaxes have not been granted. The foreign delegations were not satisfied with the assurances which the Chinese delegation offered at the session of March 18th, as to the purposes to which the Chinese government would themselves devote the proceeds of the surtaxes. They were prepared to grant them only on conditions which ensured that the proceeds would be placed under foreign control and applied in part to the liquidation of unsecured debt.

WITHOUT STRINGS.

"10. From the very outset His Majesty's Government were opposed to the question of unsecured debt being dealt with by the Tariff Conference at all and they frankly expressed this view in a confidential memorandum communicated to the Consortium Powers early in 1923. They foresaw that it might defeat the intentions of the Washington Conference, which were to assist the economic and political development of China and to relax, not to tighten, foreign control. They held that the object of the concession proposed at the Washington Conference being to benefit China, the principal purposes to which the proceeds of the surtaxes should be devoted ought to be productive objects such as railway construction and social or economic reforms which would be a permanent benefit to China as a whole. The most promising of these reforms was in their opinion the abolition of Liukin which moreover was expressly contemplated in the treaty.

TO-MORROW'S "TELEGRAPH."

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"As Saturday is New Year's Day, there will be no issue of the Telegraph on that date, but to-morrow's issue will contain all the usual Saturday features.

POWERS MISUNDERSTANDING.

"11. It has been argued that debt consolidation would also be a permanent benefit to China because it would restore China's credit. This argument would doubtless be valid if there were a government in effective control over the whole country, but, in China to-day debt consolidation could only enable the faction which happened to be in power in Peking to resort to fresh ruinous and unproductive borrowing. His Majesty's Government were therefore opposed to making consolidation of unsecured debt one of the purposes to be attained by the Tariff Conference although their own nationals were directly interested in funding of some of these debts.

CUSTOMS CONTROL.

"12. Further objection to the inclusion of unsecured debt amongst subjects to be dealt with at the Tariff Conference was brought into relief by the grant in principle of tariff autonomy. That raised at once in acute form the question of the control of Customs' revenues. His Majesty's Government viewed with grave misgiving the proposal that foreign control should be extended over additional revenues which might be increased by tariff autonomy.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

"In 1921 it was natural that the Powers should demand guarantees, for due fulfilment of the benevolent purposes which the Washington Conference aimed at achieving. But what might have been practicable in 1921 was no longer possible in 1926. It was obvious that China would not submit to any extension of foreign control either for debt consolidation or for abolition of Liukin, and it seemed to His Majesty's Government that for the Powers to unite in an attempt to impose control upon an unwilling China would be entirely opposed to the spirit of the Washington treaties, and to the policy which His Majesty's Government had consistently advocated. At the same time His Majesty's Government felt that it was essential that the Washington Conference should be implemented as long as overdue should be implemented. Accordingly on May 28th last, in reply to an enquiry from the United States Government as to the attitude of His Majesty's Government towards the Tariff Conference, they proposed in a memorandum, copy of which is annexed hereto, that the Powers should abstain from any attempt to exact guarantees or conditions, but should forthwith authorize the levy of the surtaxes.

CANTONESE DIRECT ACTION.

"13. Owing to the collapse of

the Conference no action on this proposal was possible. The situation however suddenly developed in the very direction which was anticipated when the proposal was made. The Cantonese did in fact seize the Washington surtaxes by levying in defiance of the surtaxes would not necessarily be remitted by Commissioners of Customs to the custodian bankers at Shanghai. It would in

each case be for the competent Chinese authorities to decide all questions as to the disposition and banking of these additional revenues. His Majesty's Government would be glad to learn at the earliest possible moment whether the Powers agree to the unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes.

MEMORANDUM OF MAY 28TH.

Following is the memorandum referred to above:—

"His Majesty's Government have received through the United States Embassy in London a message from the United States Government enquiring whether His Majesty's Government endorse the attitude ascribed to the British Delegation in Peking of desiring to abandon negotiations at Peking and break up the Tariff Conference, and expressing the hope that His Majesty's Government will continue to co-operate with the other interested Powers in bringing to a conclusion the task which began last October.

"His Majesty's Government desire to assure the United States Government that the report received by them that the British delegation desire to withdraw from the negotiations at Peking appears to be based on a complete misunderstanding. His Majesty's Government have no intention whatever of breaking up the Tariff Conference. It is true that the question has been considered whether at the present juncture it might not be convenient to arrange for a brief suspension of the Conference over the summer months. It was realized however that in the existing political circumstances the suspension of the Conference might prove to be more prolonged than was intended and in order to prevent the possibility of misunderstanding as to the sincerity of the Powers, His Majesty's Government consider it to be of the greatest importance that before even such a suspension as above contemplated took place, there must be, firstly, a complete liquidation of the promises made at Washington.

POWERS MISUNDERSTANDING.

"A considerable interchange of views has however taken place between the Foreign Office and the delegation in regard to the proceedings of the Conference on the subject of unsecured debts, and it is probable that the misunderstanding to which a reference is made above has arisen in consequence of the attitude which the Delegation has instructed to take on this matter, and which was formally stated by the Chief British Delegate at the meeting at the Netherlands Legation on May 6th.

"The United States Government will no doubt recollect that His Majesty's Government were from the first averse to the imposition on the Chinese Government of any scheme of consolidation of unsecured debt as part of the work of the Tariff Conference and that they only agreed later and with great reluctance to discuss any such scheme at the Conference. If the schemes of the foreign delegations for consolidating unsecured debt should postulate too strict control over China's Customs' revenues (shortly to be intensified by tariff autonomy), His Majesty's Government are afraid that a dangerous deadlock may arise, for discussions on this subject show that the Chinese, though willing to bind themselves to devote a proportion of their revenues to unsecured debt consolidation to be dealt with on the lines of secured debts, have declined to allow the details to be settled by the tariff conference and will refuse to submit to any foreign control for that or any other purpose over China's Customs' revenues.

FOREIGN CONTROL.

"His Majesty's Government after full consideration and prolonged consultation with their delegation in Peking have come to the conclusion that while they are ready to agree to any reasonable scheme for dealing with unsecured debts, put forward by the Chinese and agreed to by the other Powers, it would not be right for them to associate themselves with any attempt to force upon the Chinese a greater degree of foreign control of the revenues for that purpose than they are prepared voluntarily to concede. A policy involving an increase of foreign control and capable of being regarded as an encroachment on the sovereignty and independence of China which the Powers agreed at Washington to respect, is so fundamentally opposed to the traditional policy of the United States Government as to be disposed to be rejected. It is true that His Majesty's Government originally desired to exact proper guarantees from China in regard to the abolition of Liukin as a condition precedent to the grant of the Washington surtaxes, but they have

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